



vision: what we see in our future

a dynamic, actively-serving congregational family that worships God in spirit and in truth and keeps the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (John 4:24, Eph 4:3)

mission: our purpose

to work within the GTA to preach the gospel to all nations and to prepare God's people for marriage to Jesus Christ. (Mark 16:15, Rev 19:7)

guiding principle: what directs us in all circumstances

we ought to know how to behave ourselves as the temple of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. (1 Tim 3:15)

values: the boundaries on our behaviour

we will be guided by the following fundamental values:

1. **truth** - we will be guided by the word of God in speech and conduct. (John 17:17, Eph 4:25)
2. **unity & peace** - we are one body. we do not engage in divisive behaviour. (Eph 4:3)
3. **maturity** - we want a congregation of empowered Christians. (Eph 4:13, 2 Tim 1:7)
4. **humility & forbearance** - we give the benefit of the doubt and forgive quickly. (1 Pet 2:21)
5. **diversity** - we value different spiritual gifts and cultural expression. (1 Cor 12:4, Matt 28:19)
6. **faithfulness** - our word is reliable. we will do what we say. (Matt 25:21)
7. **respect** - we address everyone who interacts with us respectfully. (Gen 1:26a, Phil 2:3)
8. **hospitality** - we will have fervent charity toward one another. (1 Pet 4:8-9)
9. **kindness** - we care for one another and look for opportunities to show it. (Eph 4:32)
10. **agape love** - without love, what we do will not matter. (1 Cor 13)

goals: what we plan to accomplish

we aim to accomplish the following:

1. to become mature in the stature and knowledge of Jesus Christ. (Eph 4:13)
2. to come to the unity of the faith. (Eph 4:13)
3. to be ready to receive and nourish new Christians. (1 Cor 3:1-2)
4. to be able to further develop mature Christians. (Heb 5:14)
5. to provide a place where every believer feels safe and valued. (Gal 5:15-16)
6. to raise our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Eph 6:4)
7. to have close ties with home office and the rest of God's church. (Eph 4:4)
8. to become a model Christian community. (1 Tim 4:12, Matt 5:14)

ministries: the structure through which we will accomplish our mission and goals

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. (Eph 4:16)

